Food for Work Programme

1222. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have demanded increased quota of foodgrains under the Food for work programme for the poor families;

(b) if so, the States that have made this demand; and

(c) the centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Requests have been received from the State Government of Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh for further allocation of foodgrains free of cost under the 'Food for Work' programme.

(c) The Government of India examines such requests according to the guidelines of the programme.

Authorised Share Capital of Central Warehousing Corporation

1223. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for increasing the authorised share capital of the Central Warehousing Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any data sought by Government with regard to physical financial performance etc. of the Andhra Pradesh State warehousing corporate has been received; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposed to take

to increase the authorized share capital of the Central Warehouse corporation to Rs. 15 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Trilateral co-operation between China, India and Russia

1224. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian Government proposed a trilateral cooperation between China, India and Russia to counter the increasing influence of the United States in the Asian sub-continent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Government has rejected the proposal and if so, on what grounds; and

(d) whether Government would take immediate steps to strengthen and improve bilateral relations with all superpowers in the interest of peace and security in the sub-continent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Government continues to take steps to further consolidate its relations with the major powers and other friends and partners.

Dawood Ibrahim's base in Nepal

1225. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Dawood Ibrahim, the Mumbai don has developed significant base in Nepal;